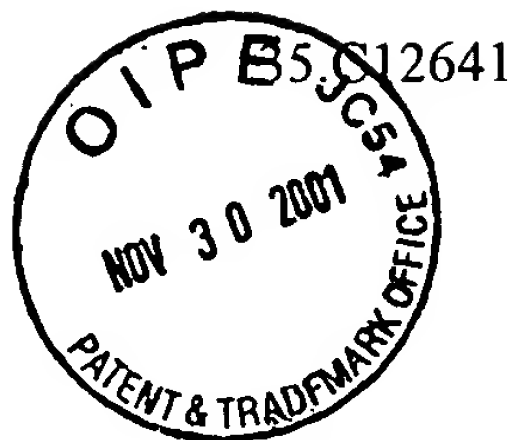


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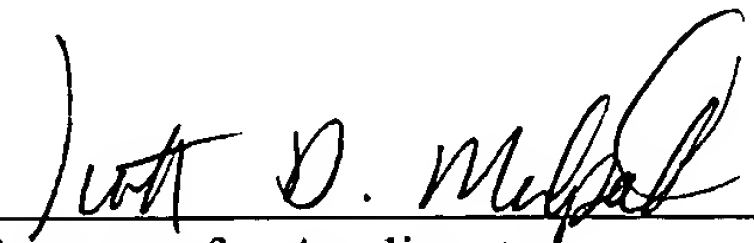
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On May 31, 2001, Applicants filed a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181 or Conditionally Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(a) and M.P.E.P. §711.03(c) to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment requesting that the Notice of Abandonment mailed April 23, 2001 be vacated.

The Petition sets forth reasons why, as is Applicants' contention, the Notice of Abandonment was sent in error (due to an apparent administrative error on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office). To date, however, Applicants have not received a response to such request. Accordingly, prompt consideration of the Petition is respectfully requested. A copy of the Petition, with an original signature, attachments, and a copy of the postcard receipt acknowledging receipt of the Petition in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 31, 2001, are enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

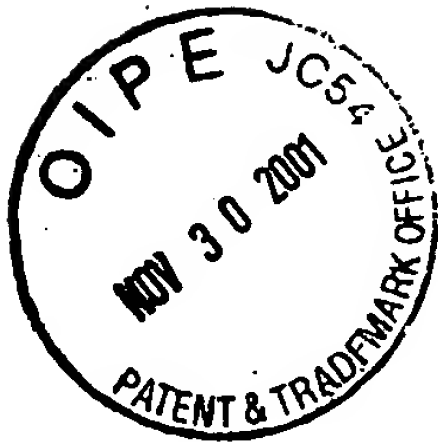
  
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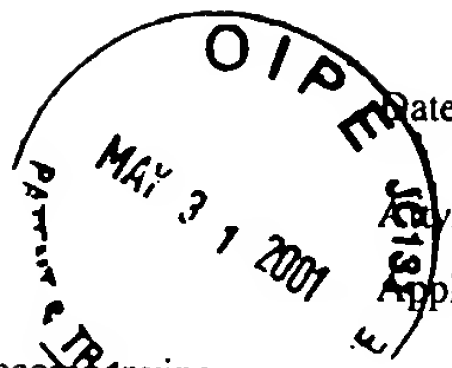
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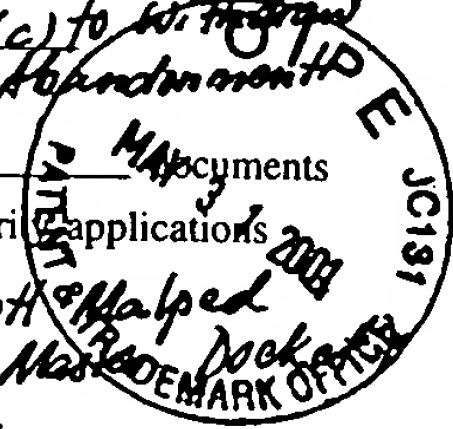


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